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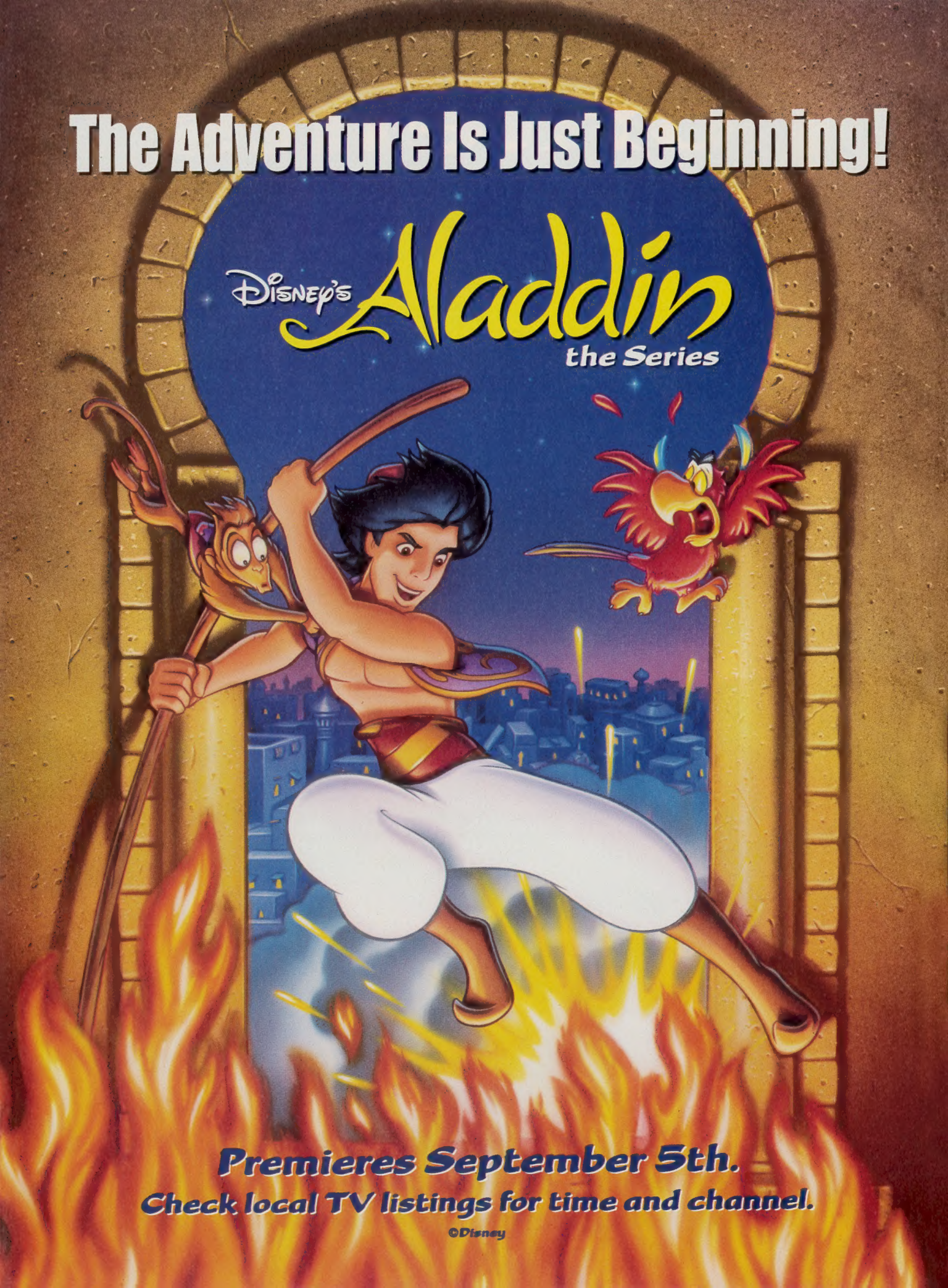
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Dear Superman and Batman,

After reading issue number 4, I was shocked! Your magazine is terrific. I love the comics, the *Daily Planet*, the articles, and especially *The Hero File*! Your magazine is great, but I wish it would come every month.

Richard Shelala
Glen Cove, NY

Dear Superman and Batman,

This magazine is awesome. I just got my first issue, and I can't wait for more! The pullout is cool, and so is the whole magazine!

Carlos Lopez, Jr.
Pharr, TX

Dear Superman and Batman,

I always wanted to know the secret of Shazam! I read issue number 4, and it told me the secret! And now he's one of my favorite super-heroes! Thanks for doing a great magazine.

Ryan Chandrakuar
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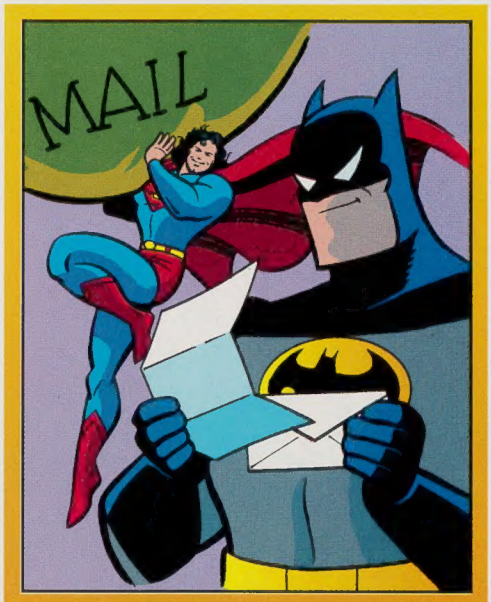

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Dear Superman and Batman,

I would like to know why you haven't written any articles about Wonder Woman. Will there be any articles or pictures of Wonder Woman in future issues? I think your magazine is cool.

Dona Marie Moore
Mesilla, NM

Wonder Woman was the subject of our very first Hero File *in issue number 1. And in this issue, you can find her in the pullout on page 16 and in her very own comics story, "Truth or Dare," on page 22!*

Dear Superman and Batman,

My name is Kal-El Bogdanove. I'm eight years old, and my father draws the *Superman: The Man of Steel* comics for DC.

Your magazine has several strong points, and for these points I like it. One: I like the comics stories contained within each one. Two: I like *The Hero File*, which every issue tells about a different super-hero. Three: I like the Draw Your Favorite DC Comics Hero contest. Four: I like how some of your articles look like the front page of the *Daily Planet*. Five: The articles are interesting, informative, and sometimes funny.

But I also have some suggestions. I think you should have more art like they draw in the comics that isn't so cartoony. I would also like to see a Villain File. I also think you should have previews of upcoming miniseries and issues of comics. Another idea of mine is that you have interviews with the writers, artists, and other people who work on the comics, in the form of an interview with one of the DC characters. I also think you should have more activities, such as word searches, puzzles, and hidden pictures.

Kal-El Bogdanove
Warren, ME

Thanks, Kal-El, and everyone else who sent in ideas for making Superman & Batman Magazine *even better. We've had many great suggestions from our readers—too many to fit in one magazine. But don't stop sending us your ideas. We can't feature everything you ask for, or make all the changes you would like to see, but we promise to read every letter. And we really appreciate what you have to say—thanks!*

We have a winner! Ben Guyer of Gainesville, Florida, came up with the terrific new title for our letters page. But don't stop sending in your suggestions, because if we find another great name, we may use it in a future issue.

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Last Halloween, we asked you to send in pictures of yourselves dressed as your favorite DC Comics heroes and villains. Here are just a few of the many fantastic photos we received. Thanks to all of you. We loved your costumes and wish we could show them all!

Remember, if you dress up as a DC Comics character this Halloween, send a photo to:

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We hope to run more of your pictures in a future issue!

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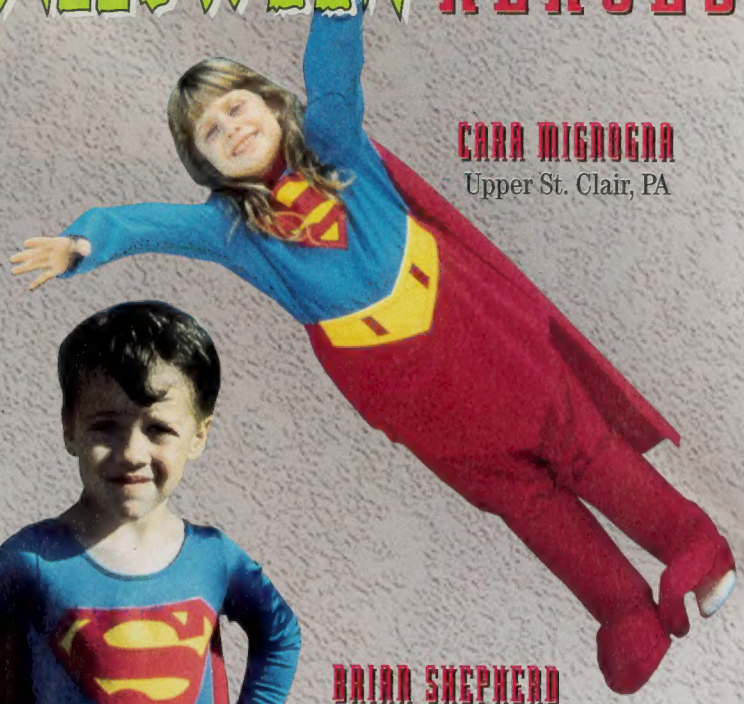

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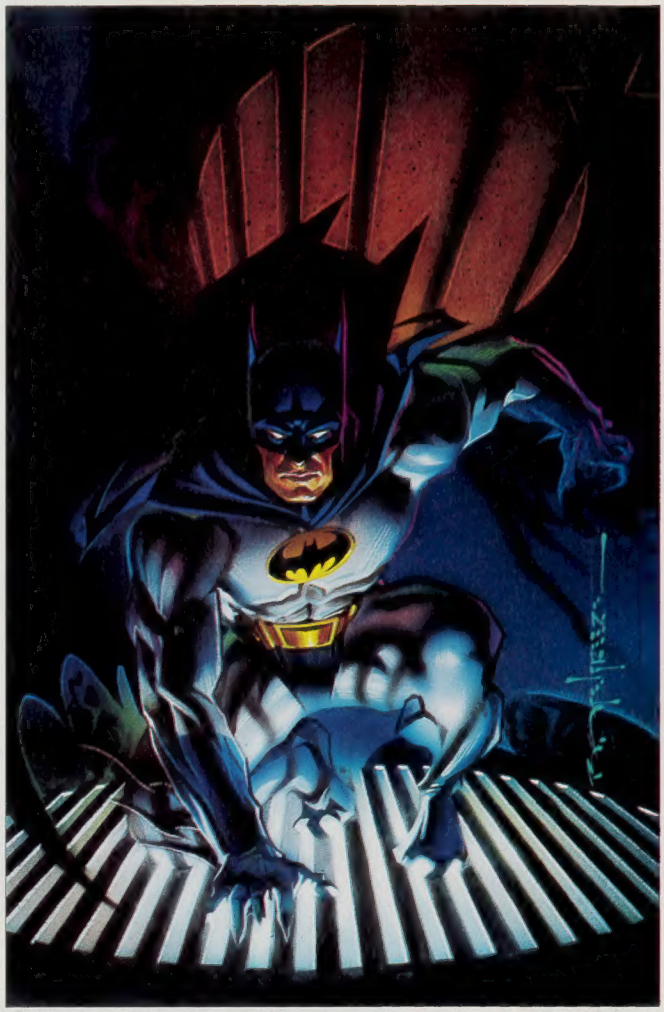
Batman's Dark Night is Over

By Scott Sonneborn

In recent months, reports have come to Metropolis that Gotham City has become home to a changed Batman, one with a newfound brutality and a high-tech costume. Batman has conducted a reign of terror that has disturbed Gotham's police and law-abiding citizens almost as much as it has frightened criminals. But now, as suddenly as it began, Batman's rampage is over. The Dark Knight who patrols the city has apparently recovered his respect for the law and abandoned his brutal tactics. He also has exchanged the deadly new suit of armor and razor-sharp gloves—symbols of his ruthless attitude—for his original, familiar costume.

When asked to explain the Dark Knight's sudden reversal, Police Commissioner James Gordon declined to comment. But a few anonymous witnesses have come forward with stories of a fierce battle on Gotham Bridge—a battle, witnesses say, between *two* Batmen, one dressed in the high-tech bat-armor and the other in the traditional costume. Batman's crime-fighting ally, Robin, along with the costumed figures Nightwing and Catwoman, is also said to have been involved in the melee, which ended in the defeat of the armored Batman, observers claim. Though this report has yet to be confirmed, many Gotham residents are breathing easier now that their familiar defender is once again safeguarding the streets.



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Young Fans Host Comics TV Show

By Scott Sonneborn

Every Wednesday afternoon, sixth graders Nick Scoullar and Milan Dale trek to their local comic book store and select 10 new comics. They then join their parents and take the subway to the television studio of channel 17. At five o'clock, they are on the air, broadcasting their live call-in show, *TalkComics*, to 473,000 TVs in New York City.

Each week, *TalkComics* begins with reviews of new comics. (Nick's favorite DC comic is *Steel*, while Milan enjoys *Batman*.) Nick and Milan then open the phone lines to viewers who call in every week to discuss how much their comics are worth and what is going to happen to their favorite characters.

Nick Scoullar and Milan Dale, stars of *TalkComics*

Photo: SCOTT SONNEBORN

Most big cities have public access stations, like channel 17, that broadcast shows created by their viewers. When Nick heard about channel 17, he enlisted his best friend, Milan, and together they dreamed up *TalkComics*. Nick and Milan filled out an application, and a few months later they were on TV! "Anyone can try to get a show," says Milan, but few are as popular as *TalkComics*.

After broadcasting more than 40 segments, the two fans-turned-TV stars have become local celebrities. Once, Nick and Milan were standing outside their school when some tough-looking older kids walked up. The TV hosts were a little scared at first. But then the older kids smiled and said, "Hey, you're Nick and Milan. We watch your show!"

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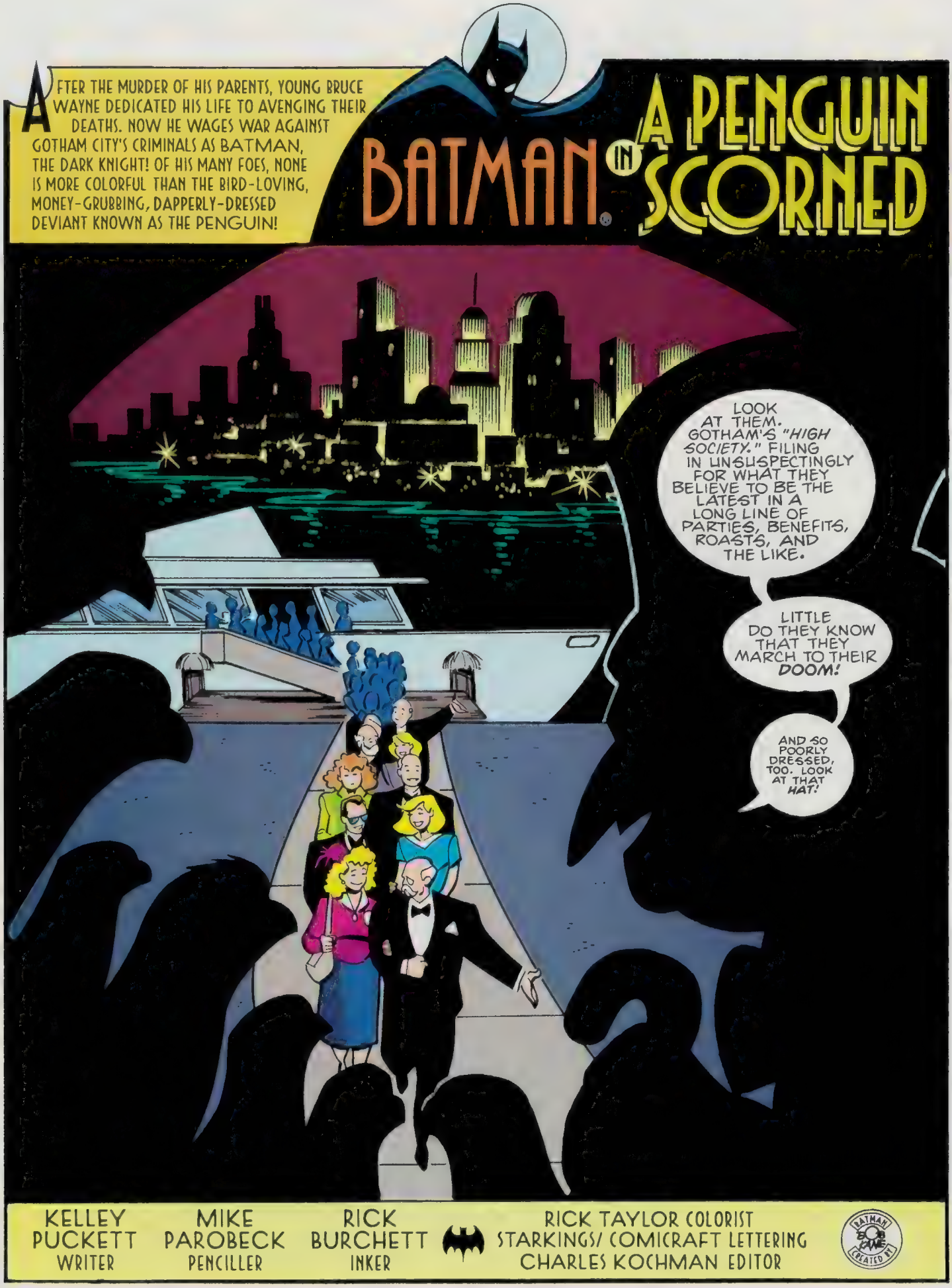
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BATMAN IN A PENGUIN SCORNED
LOOK AT THEM. GOTHAM'S "HIGH SOCIETY." FILING IN UNSUSPECTINGLY FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE THE LATEST IN A LONG LINE OF PARTIES, BENEFITS, ROASTS, AND THE LIKE.
LITTLE DO THEY KNOW THAT THEY MARCH TO THEIR DOOM!
AND SO POORLY DRESSED, TOO. LOOK AT THAT HAT!
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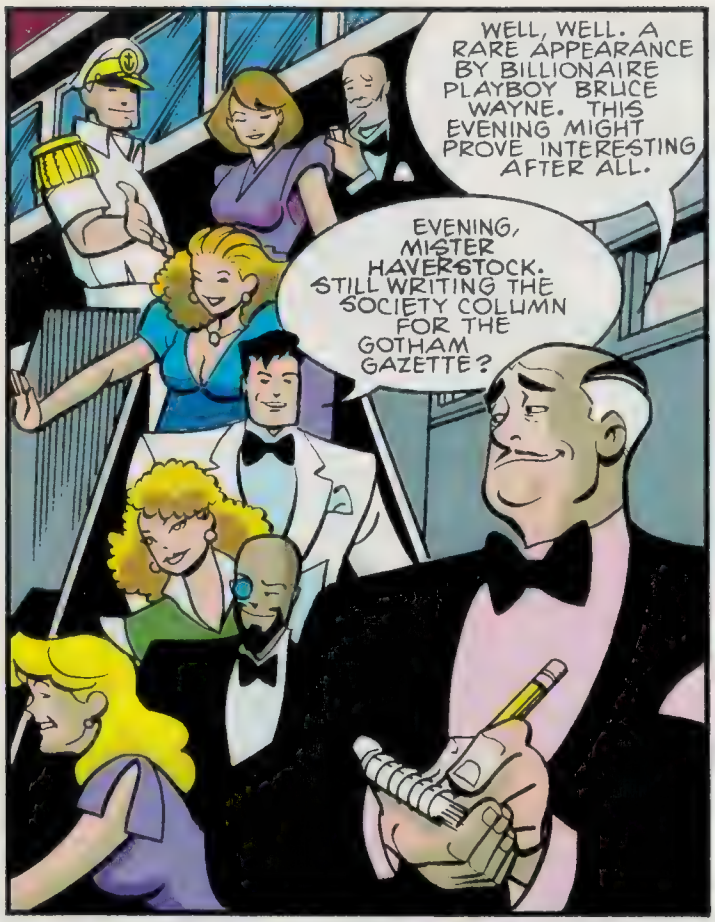
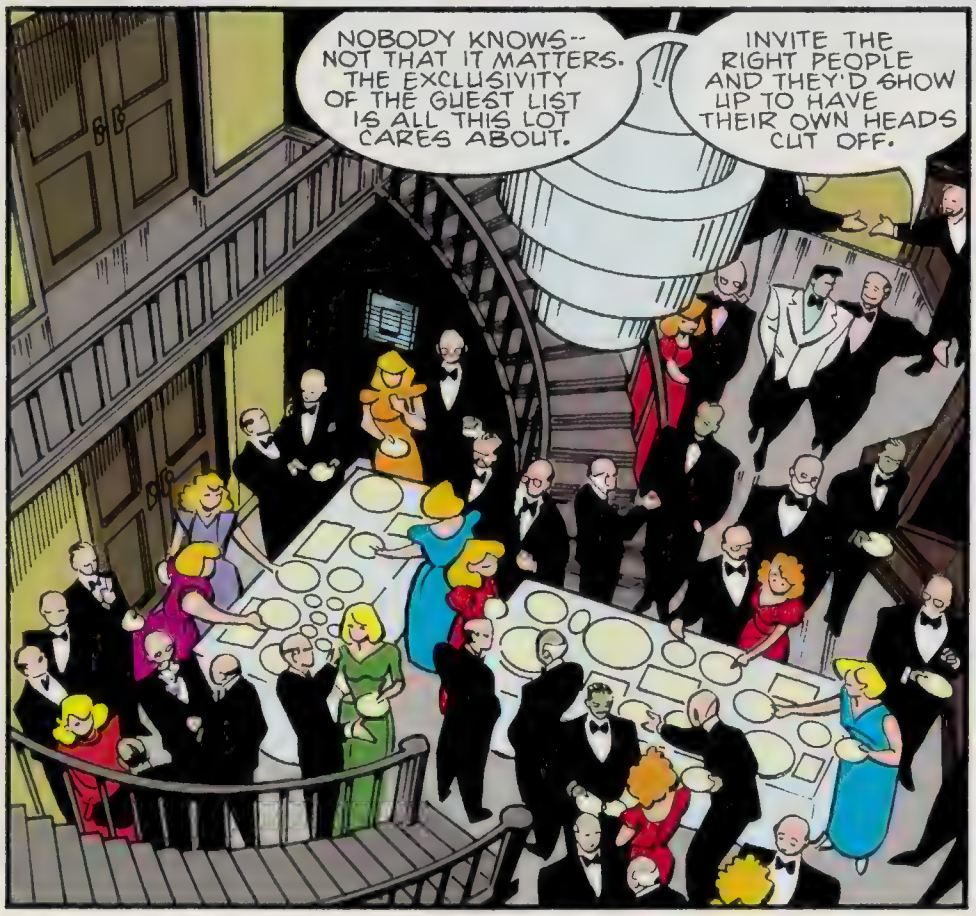

WELL, WELL. A RARE APPEARANCE BY BILLIONAIRE PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE. THIS EVENING MIGHT PROVE INTERESTING AFTER ALL.
EVENING, MISTER HAVERSTOCK. STILL WRITING THE SOCIETY COLUMN FOR THE GOTHAM GAZETTE?

UNFORTUNATELY. I'D RATHER BE EATING LIVE COCKROACHES, BUT THERE'S NO MONEY IN THAT. WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
I WAS TOLD I COULDN'T MISS THIS PARTY AND STILL CONSIDER MYSELF A MEMBER OF "SOCIETY."
WHAT'S IT FOR, ANYWAY?


NOBODY KNOWS-- NOT THAT IT MATTERS. THE EXCLUSIVITY OF THE GUEST LIST IS ALL THIS LOT CARES ABOUT.
INVITE THE RIGHT PEOPLE AND THEY'D SHOW UP TO HAVE THEIR OWN HEADS CUT OFF.

NOW, THAT WOULD MAKE FOR AN INTERESTING PARTY...
WELL, WE'RE ALL HERE. WHEN DOES THE PARTY START?
NOW. OR RATHER, IT ENDS NOW.

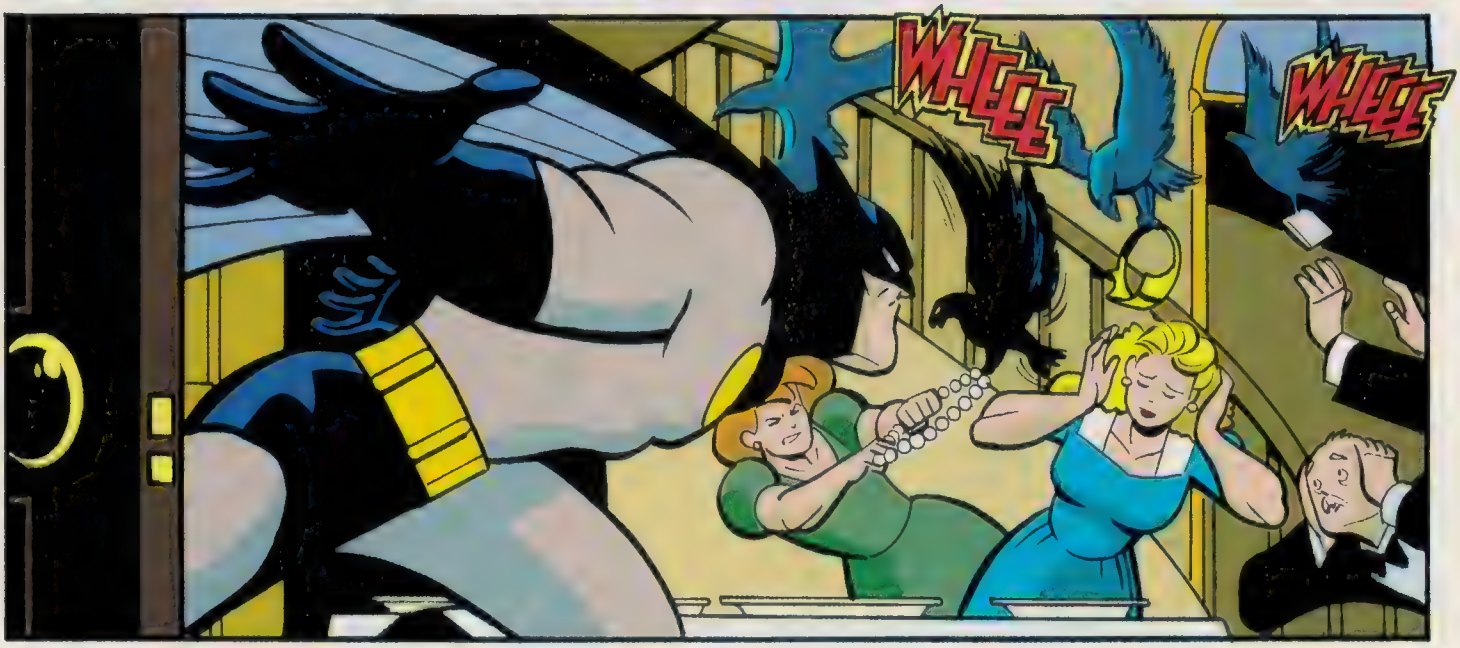
YES, FOOLISH SOCIALITES! IT IS I, THE PENGUIN, WHO HAVE BROUGHT YOU HERE TONIGHT! IT IS I, WHO ONCE WANTED ONLY TO BE CONSIDERED ONE OF YOU, WHO HAVE DUPED YOU ALL SO EASILY!

TO THINK I ONCE CRAVED THE APPROVAL OF THE LIKES OF YOU! A MOTLEY MOB OF EMPTY-HEADED, SELF-IMPORTANT, SELF-INDULGENT SNOBS!
OH, THAT'S GOOD...

I OFFERED YOU MY COMPANIONSHIP, MY INTELLECT, MY LOVE FOR THE ARTS AND ALL THINGS LITERARY...
... AND YOU SPURNED ME.

WHEEE
NOW I OFFER YOU ONLY MY WRATH!
WHEEE

WHEEE
QUITE A FEW FEATHERS WERE RUFFLED BY THE PENGUIN'S DARING APPROACH TO ENTERTAINMENT...

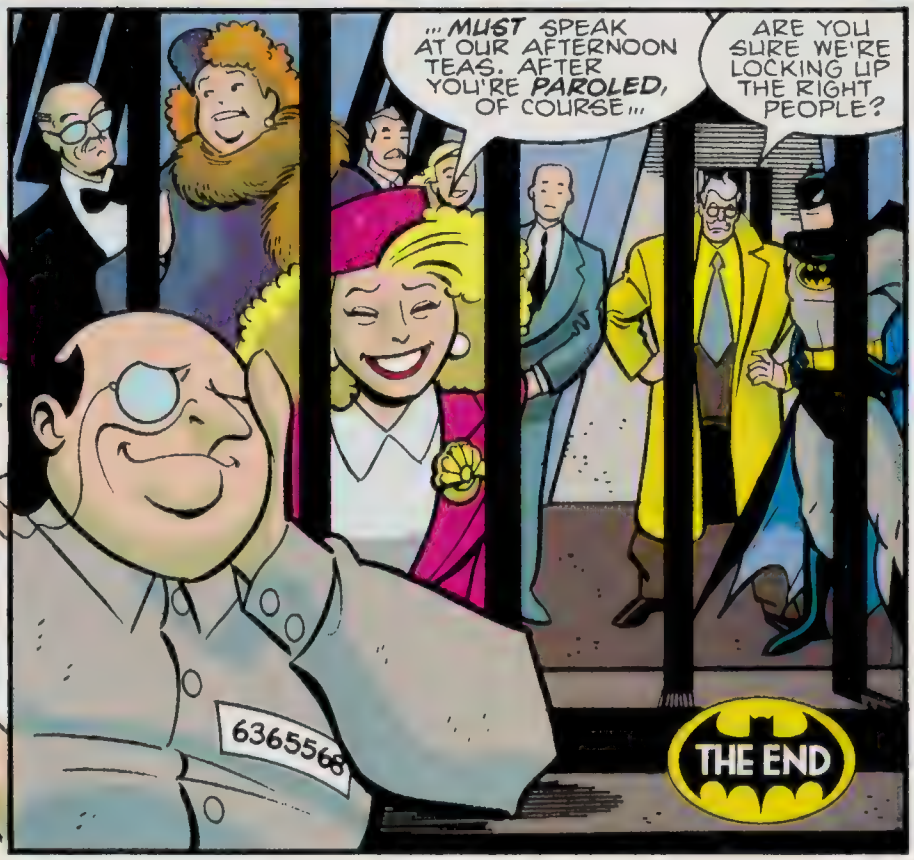

WHEEE
WHEEE

IT SEEMS WE HAVE A GATECRASHER ON OUR HANDS...
TIME TO FLY, MY PRETTIES! FLY AWAY TO MY SECRET AERIE!
I SHALL JOIN YOU THERE MYSELF ERE...
SWIIPP
...LONG...
KRASH

BRAVO!
CLAP CLAP
Eh..?

BRILLIANT! IT'S THE EVENT OF THE SEASON!
YOU KNOW, HE'S RIGHT!
I HAVEN'T HAD THIS MUCH EXCITEMENT IN AGES!
CLAP CLAP

CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP
WHY... THANK YOU. ONE DOES ONE'S BEST.


...MUST SPEAK AT OUR AFTERNOON TEAS. AFTER YOU'RE PAROLED, OF COURSE...
ARE YOU SURE WE'RE LOCKING UP THE RIGHT PEOPLE?
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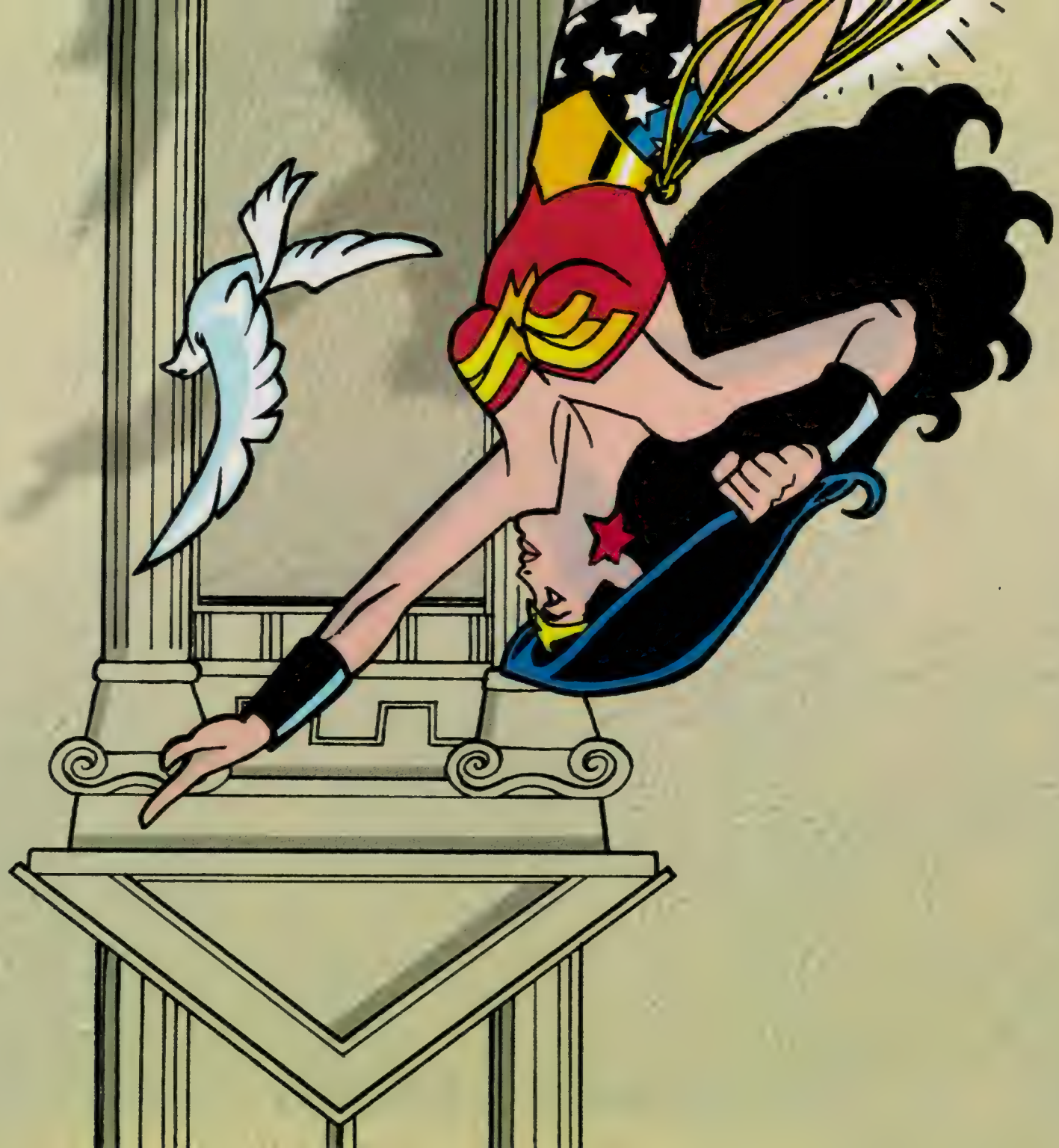

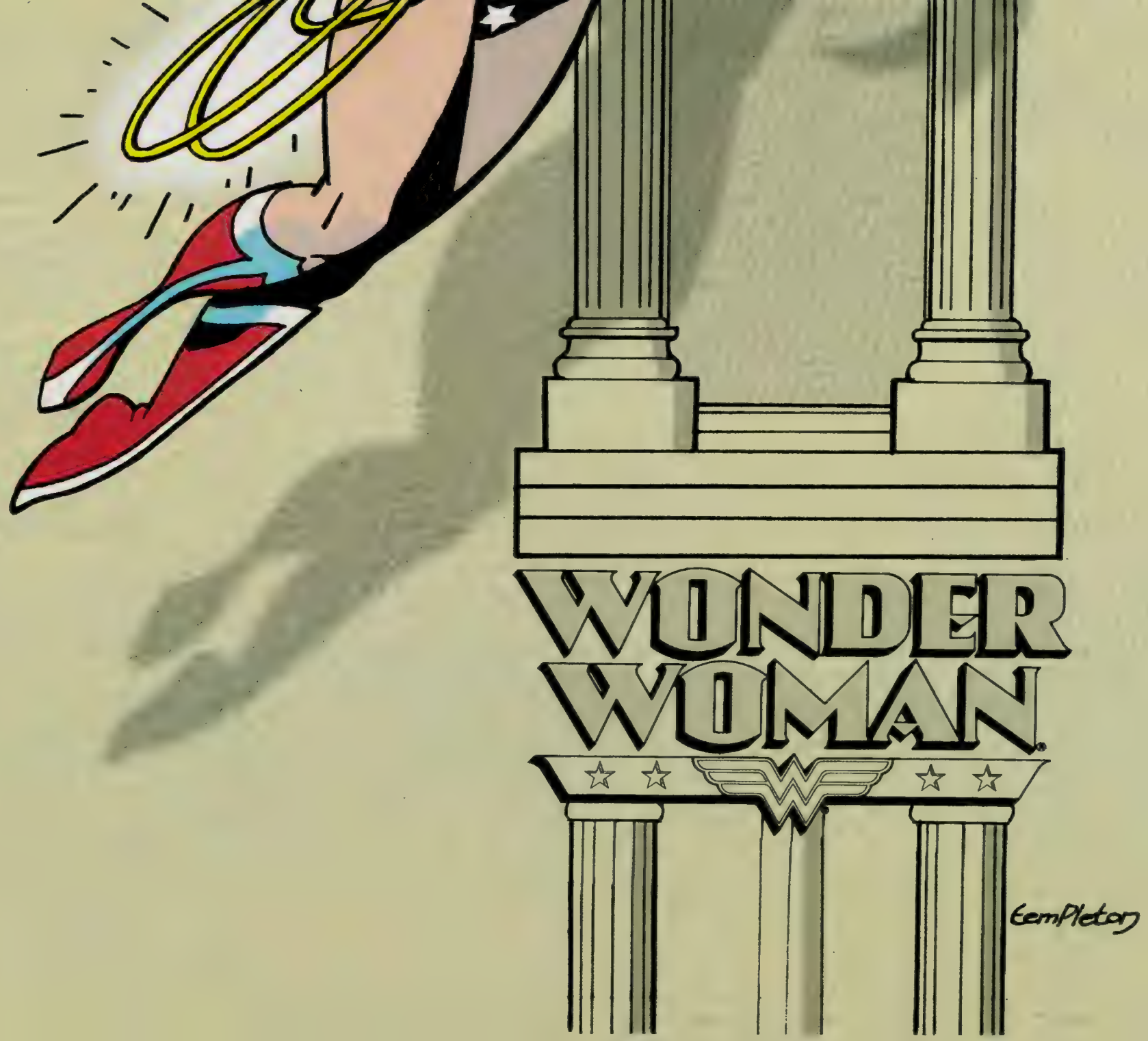

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The false vampire bat, found in South America, is one of the few that eats meat as well as fruit. It is even known to eat other bats! It's one of the biggest bats in the world, too, with a wingspan of almost three feet on its five-inch long body. Although it's a formidable hunter, it is easy to tame and very gentle.

When Bruce Wayne vowed to inspire fear in criminals, he created a costume with bat-ears and a long, wing-like cape. While bats may look scary, these strange, furry fliers are in fact timid creatures. Here are a few of our favorites:

Most people believe bats have poor eyesight and rely on their internal radar system. But many, like this long-eared bat, also have sharp eyesight that helps them locate their prey.

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CREATURE

The black flying fox is found in tropical parts of the world, where it eats fruit, nectar, and pollen. In India, where these bats gather in noisy flocks, they are considered sacred and are protected by the people's religious beliefs. In New Guinea, however, flying foxes are found in marketplaces and on dinner tables!

Out of the 900 species of bats, only three drink blood. These vampire bats live in Mexico and South America. Every night they find their victims, usually sleeping cows or goats, bite them with razor-sharp teeth, and suck their blood. The bats take about an ounce of blood, which doesn't harm the animal. Believe it or not, this is so painless the victims rarely wake up!

Another bat of the United States and Canada is the little brown bat, which weighs only one-quarter ounce. After a long winter's hibernation, its babies are born in spring. They learn to fly and hunt for insects when they are only three weeks old. A 500-bat colony can devour 250,000 mosquitoes in one hour!

The big brown bat is one of the most common bats, found in North America, the Caribbean, and parts of South America. These bats can travel up to 150 miles to reach a favorite cave or mine but often live in attics as well.

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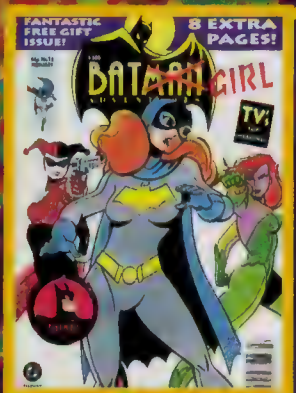

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Super-Homem. Läderlappen. These names may not be familiar, but you know them in English as Superman and Batman. Readers across the globe follow the adventures of these heroes in dozens of different languages by a variety of names. Here are just a few of them.

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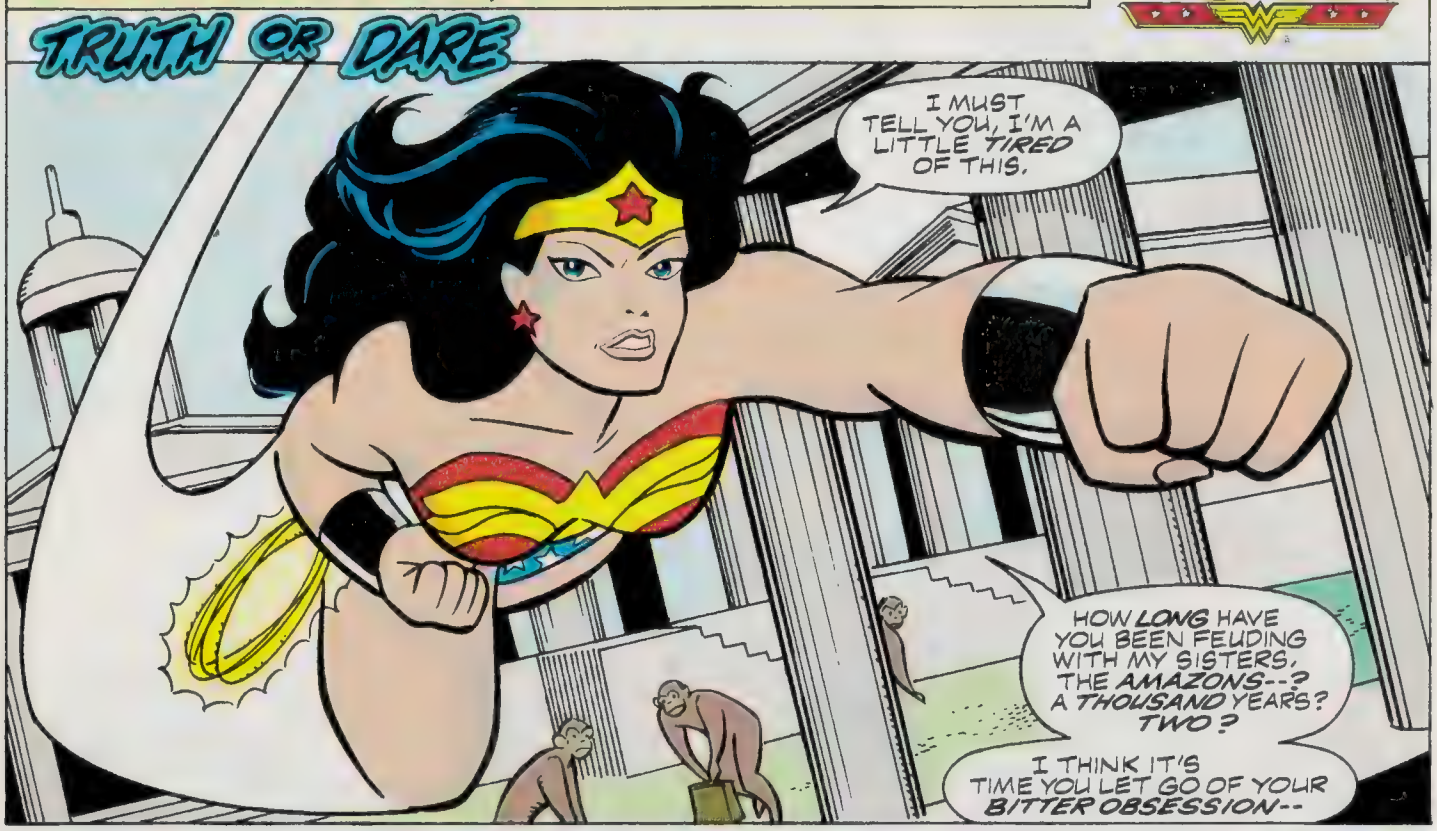

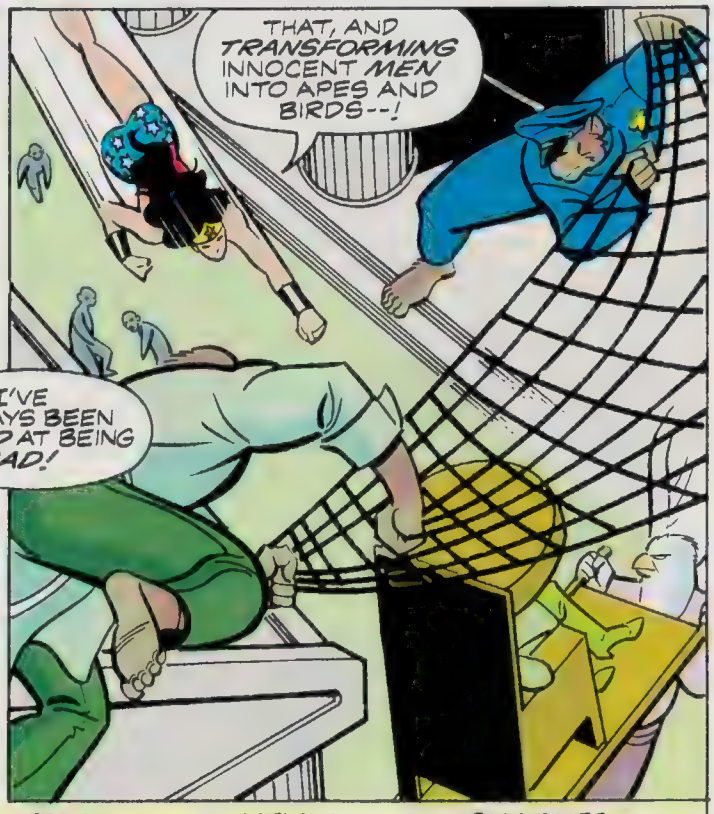

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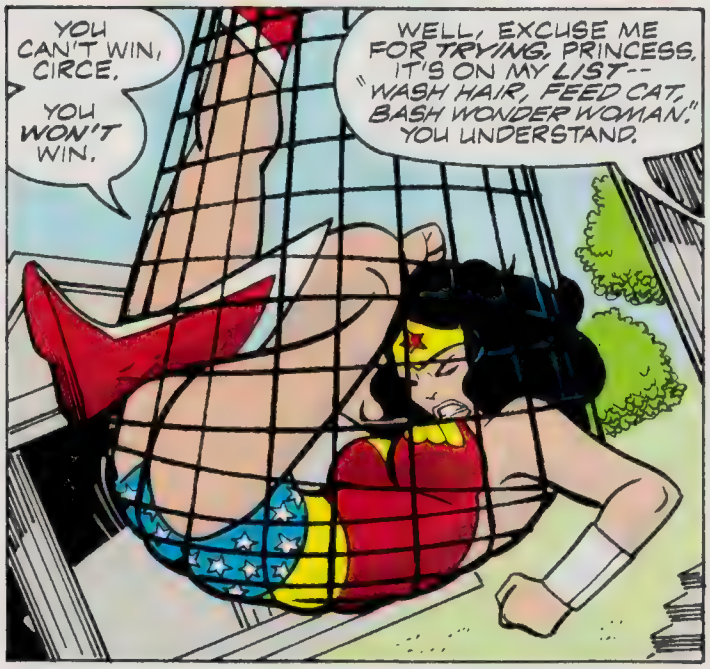
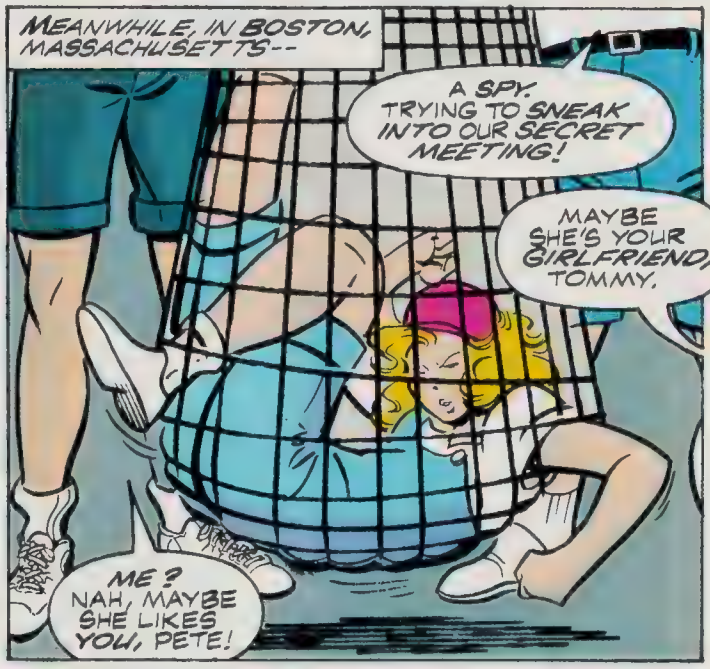
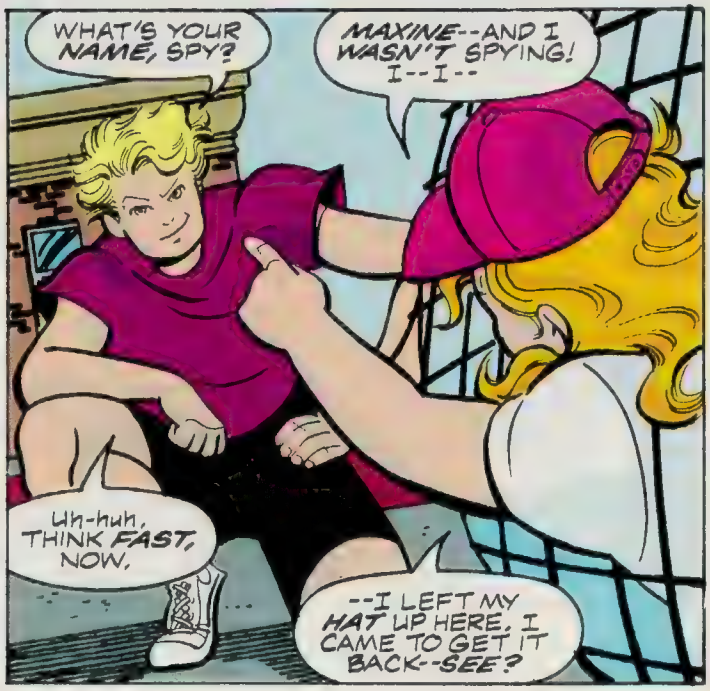
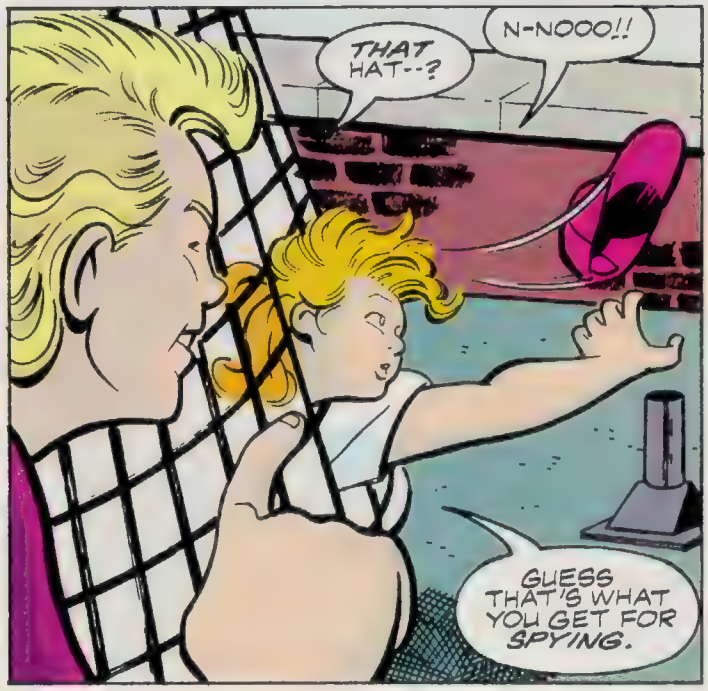
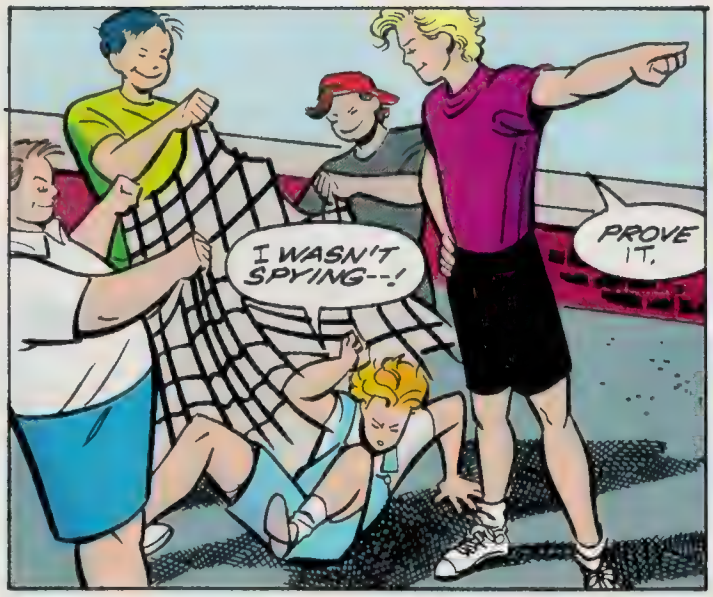
A MAN BROKE MY HEART ONCE, PRINCESS, TURNING MEN INTO APES IS MY FAVORITE HOBBY--
--NEXT TO BEATING UP AMAZONS.

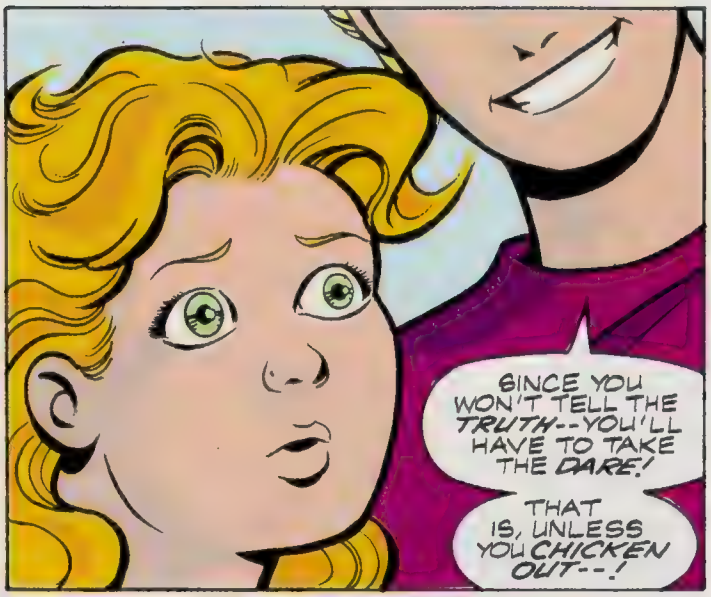

YOU CAN'T WIN, CIRCE.
YOU WON'T WIN.
WELL, EXCUSE ME FOR TRYING, PRINCESS. IT'S ON MY LIST-- "WASH HAIR, FEED CAT, BASH WONDER WOMAN." YOU UNDERSTAND.


MEANWHILE, IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS--
A SPY. TRYING TO SNEAK INTO OUR SECRET MEETING!
MAYBE SHE'S YOUR GIRLFRIEND, TOMMY.
ME? NAH, MAYBE SHE LIKES YOU, PETE!

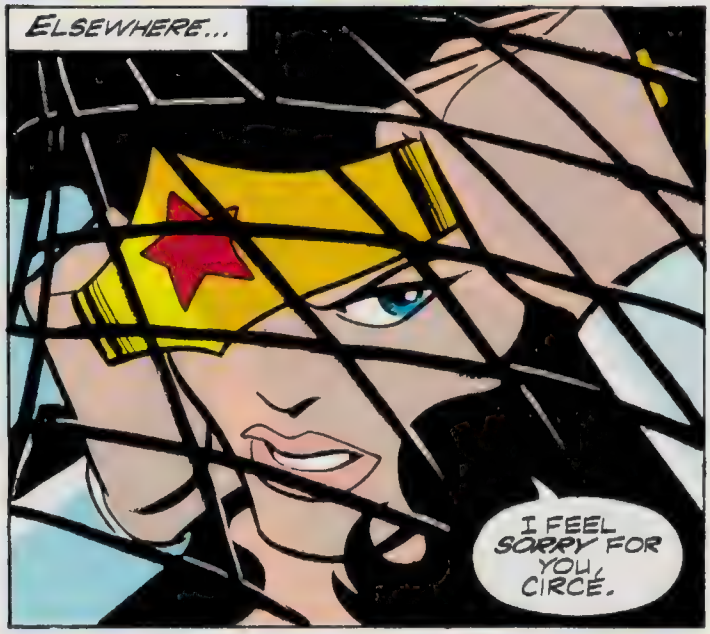

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, SPY?
MAXINE--AND I WASN'T SPYING! I--I--
UH-HUH, THINK FAST, NOW.
--I LEFT MY HAT UP HERE. I CAME TO GET IT BACK--SEE?


THAT HAT--?
N-NOOO!!
GUESS THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR SPYING.


I WASN'T SPYING--!
PROVE IT.


SINCE YOU WON'T TELL THE TRUTH--YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE DARE!
THAT IS, UNLESS YOU CHICKEN OUT--!

WE'D UNDERSTAND--YOU BEING A GIRL AND ALL. BUT, IF YOU WANT TO CONVINCE US YOU'RE NOT LYING--
--GO GET YOUR HAT.


ELSEWHERE...
I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU, CIRCE.

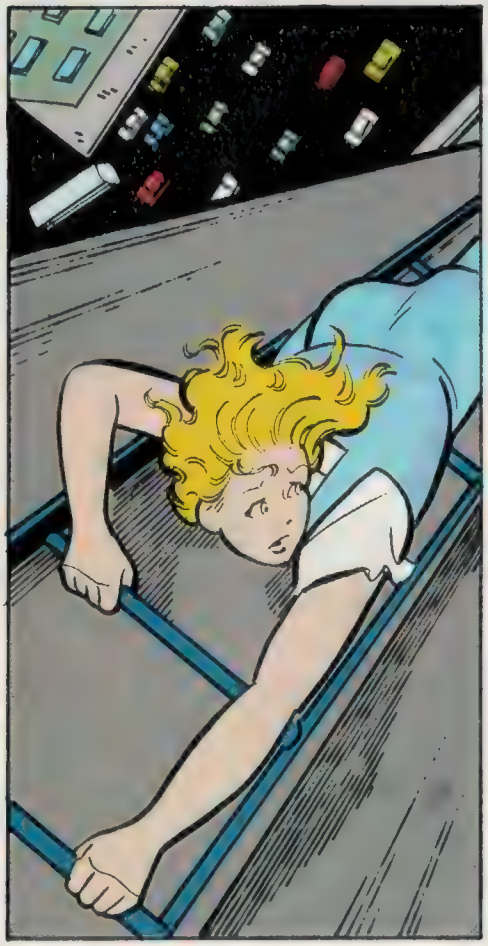
JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN HURT IS NO REASON TO HURT OTHERS!

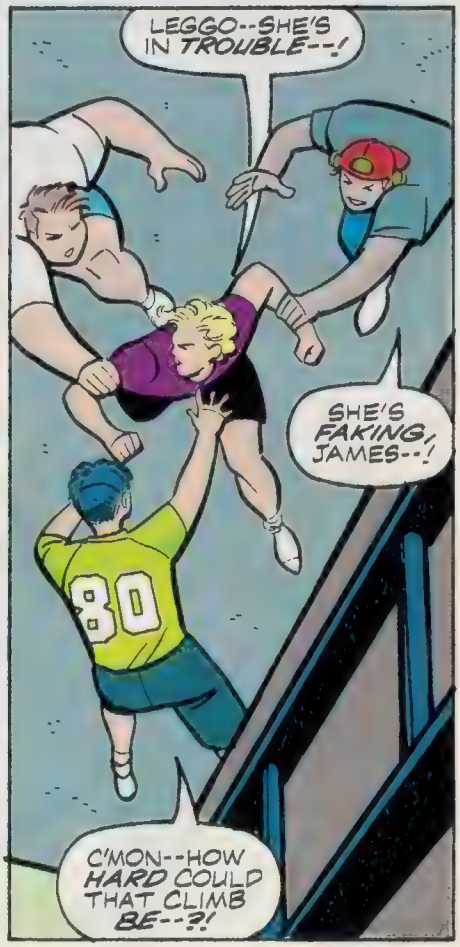
MAYBE NOT, BUT AS FAR AS REASONS GO, IT'LL DO!
WHAT DO YOU CARE?

MY POWERS WERE A GIFT, CIRCE, BUT THEY CAME WITH A RESPONSIBILITY!
I CAN'T JUST LET YOU ROAM ABOUT HARMING PEOPLE!

MY LASSO OF TRUTH WILL PREVENT YOU FROM CREATING NEW ILLUSIONS.
NOW, LET'S END THIS STUPID FIGHT BEFORE SOMEONE GETS HURT--

Y'KNOW, GUYS--
--I'M STARTING TO THINK THIS WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA.




LEGGO--SHE'S IN TROUBLE--!
SHE'S FAKING, JAMES--!
C'MON--HOW HARD COULD THAT CLIMB BE--?!

YOUR SPELLS ARE OF *LIMITED DURATION*, CIRCE. EVEN NOW, THOSE POOR MEN ARE REVERTING BACK TO *HUMAN* FORM--

--AND YOUR *ILLUSION* OF AN "*ANCIENT*" *CITY* IS *FADING*, REVEALING OUR *TRUE* LOCATION--*BOSTON*.

SO, CIRCE, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU LOSE. AGAIN.

MAYBE, PRINCESS... MAYBE *NOT*.

IF I CAN QUICKLY WHIP UP A SPELL OF *TRANSPORTATION*, I CAN STILL *ESCAPE*--

--Eh? WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

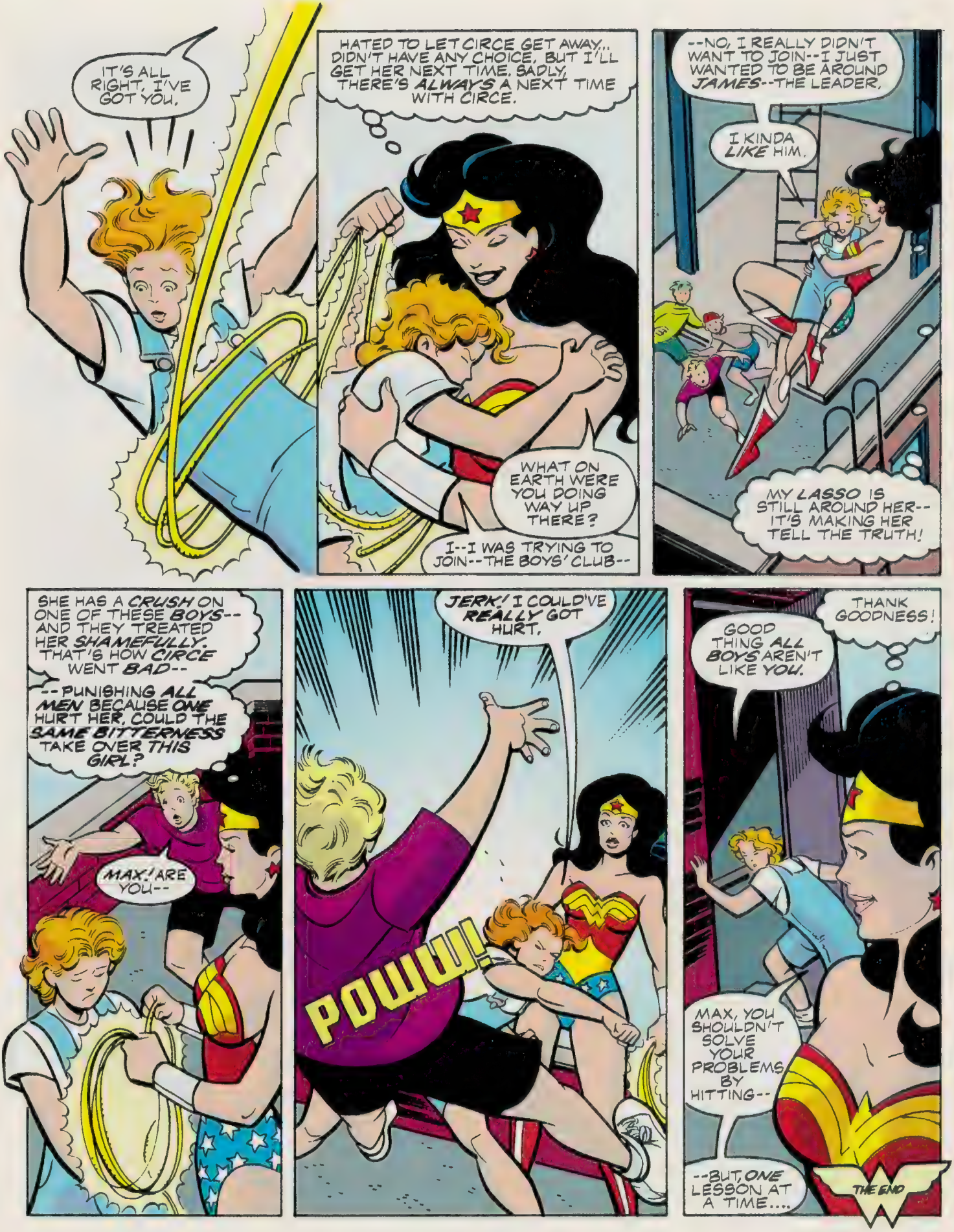
WHA--A *GIRL*--UP ON A *HIGH LADDER*--ABOUT TO *FALL*?! IS THIS ANOTHER ONE OF CIRCE'S *TRICKS*--?

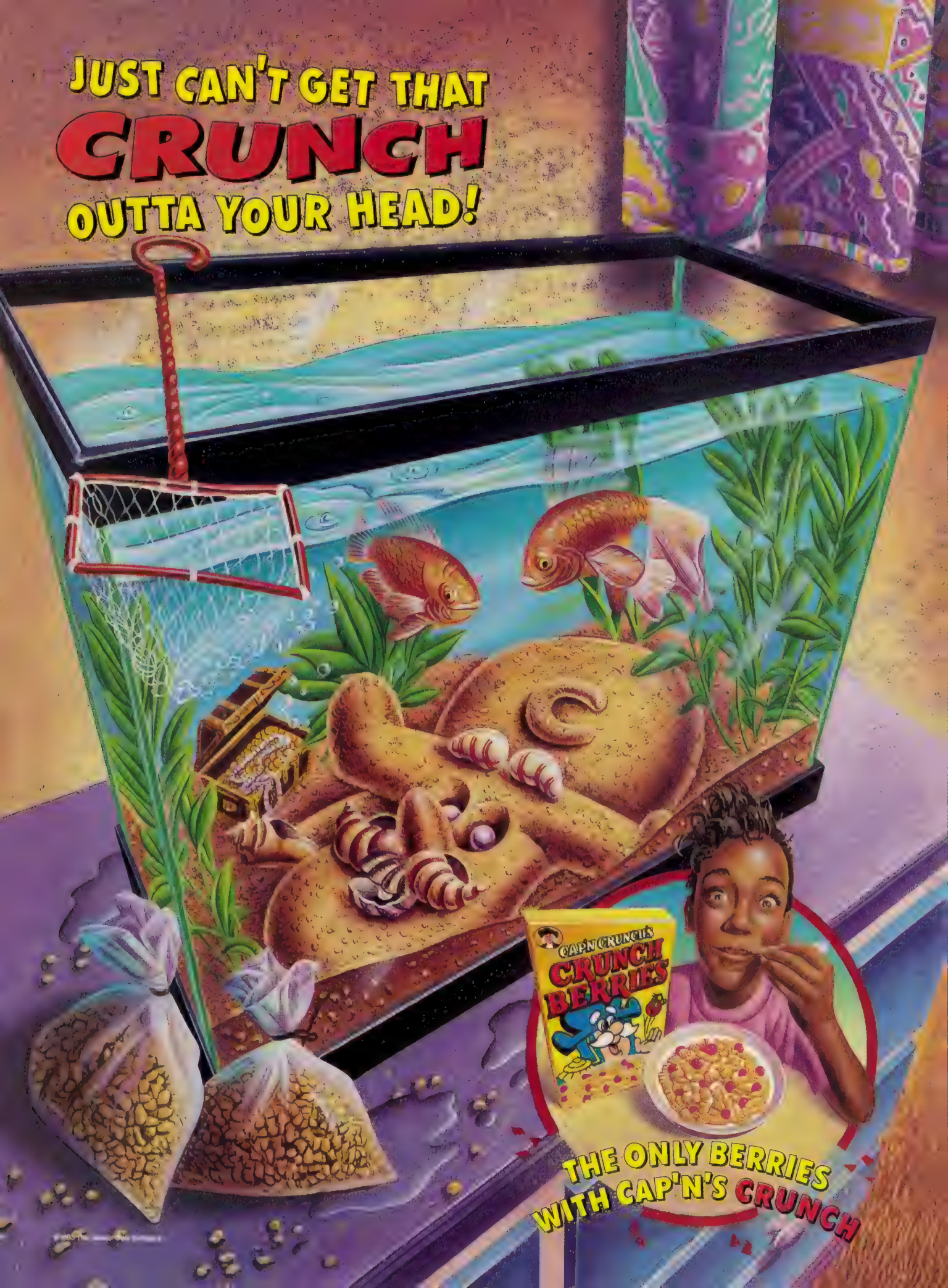
NO--WITH MY LASSO AROUND HER, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR CIRCE TO SHOW ME A *FALSE VISION*--

WILL YOU SAVE *HER* OR CHASE *ME*?

WHICH IS MORE *IMPORTANT*, "MS. AMBASSADOR"--?

MAX!


IT'S ALL RIGHT, I'VE GOT YOU.
HATED TO LET CIRCE GET AWAY... DIDN'T HAVE ANY CHOICE, BUT I'LL GET HER NEXT TIME. SADLY, THERE'S ALWAYS A NEXT TIME WITH CIRCE.
WHAT ON EARTH WERE YOU DOING WAY UP THERE?
I--I WAS TRYING TO JOIN--THE BOYS' CLUB--
--NO, I REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO JOIN--I JUST WANTED TO BE AROUND JAMES--THE LEADER.
I KINDA LIKE HIM.
MY LASSO IS STILL AROUND HER--IT'S MAKING HER TELL THE TRUTH!
SHE HAS A CRUSH ON ONE OF THESE BOYS--AND THEY TREATED HER SHAMEFULLY. THAT'S HOW CIRCE WENT BAD--
--PUNISHING ALL MEN BECAUSE ONE HURT HER, COULD THE SAME BITTERNESS TAKE OVER THIS GIRL?
MAX! ARE YOU--
JERK! I COULD'VE REALLY GOT HURT.
POWW!
THANK GOODNESS!
GOOD THING ALL BOYS AREN'T LIKE YOU.
MAX, YOU SHOULDN'T SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS BY HITTING--
--BUT, ONE LESSON AT A TIME....
THE END


JUST CAN'T GET THAT
CRUNCH
OUTTA YOUR HEAD!
CAP'N CRUNCH'S
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THE ONLY BERRIES
WITH CAP'N'S CRUNCH

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Alter Ego:
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Occupation:
Adventurer, reporter, columnist, novelist

Known Relatives:
Jor-El (father, deceased), Lara (mother, deceased), Jonathan Kent (adoptive father), Martha Clark Kent (adoptive mother)

Group Affiliation:
Justice League America (former member)

Base of Operations:
Metropolis

First Appearance:
ACTION COMICS #1, June 1938

Height: 6 feet, 3 inches

Weight: 225 pounds

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Black

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Superman's father, Jor-El, was the leading scientist on the planet Krypton. Discovering that a nuclear chain reaction would soon destroy their planet, Jor-El and his wife Lara safely placed their unborn son, Kal-El, into a life-sustaining chamber in an experimental spaceship and launched it toward Earth just moments before Krypton exploded.

On a farm in Smallville, Kansas, Jonathan and Martha Kent discovered the ship and the tiny baby that had been born inside it. They named the baby Clark and raised him as their own son. As a child, Clark seemed perfectly normal, and the Kents instilled in him a strong sense of justice and responsibility. It was only when Clark was a teenager that his alien body began to show signs of his incredible powers.

Clark left Smallville to attend Metropolis University. One day, he spotted an airplane about to crash. Without stopping to think, he leapt into the air and guided the plane to the ground. One of the passengers was Lois Lane, ace reporter for the *Daily Planet*, who nicknamed her savior "Superman" in the story she wrote for the paper. Realizing how much good he could do as Superman, Clark created a striking costume with an *S* emblem on the chest, becoming the world's greatest costumed superhero.

Superman's extraordinary powers are the result of the Earth's sun. On Krypton, under a red sun, he would have grown up with normal strength; here on Earth, the yellow sun gives him a variety of super-powers: flight, invulnerability, super-speed, and super-strength. He also possesses heat vision that can melt steel, X-ray vision that allows him to see through most solid objects, and super-hearing that can pick up sounds hundreds of miles away.

Before Superman's arrival, Metropolis had never seen anyone like him. There was nothing he couldn't do, and everyone loved him for it—everyone except one man: Lex Luthor. Luthor, a brilliant scientist and successful businessman, resented the popular newcomer. Finding that Superman's loyalties could not be bought, Luthor decided to destroy him instead. Luthor never succeeded, but no one could ever prove that he was behind the plots, either.

One of those plots involved kryptonite, a glowing green mineral from the destroyed world of Superman's birth that can drain his super-powers and kill him. Luthor wore a chunk of kryptonite set in a ring, not realizing that the radioactive substance could prove fatal to Earthlings, too. Gravely ill, Luthor faked his own death and had his brain transplanted into a healthy new body cloned from his own. Luthor returned, pretending to be his son, Lex Luthor II, and once again thrived as the wealthiest man in Metropolis.

When not protecting Metropolis as Superman, Clark works as a reporter with the *Daily Planet*. At first, he and Lois Lane were rivals. It wasn't long, however, before they became friends and eventually fell in love. Finally, Clark proposed marriage to Lois. After she said yes, he revealed that he was secretly Superman. Lois was shocked, but she had always suspected there was something more to Clark. She also realized she still loved him and wanted to marry him.

For years, Superman continued to defend the Earth from all who threatened it: Dr. Killgrave, Brainiac, Mr. Mxyzptlk, Mongul, Metallo, and many others. Then came the foe even Superman couldn't beat: Doomsday. It took everything Superman had to beat the monster—and it cost him his life.

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